

The Day Shall Declare it

1 Cor 3: 10-15

Analogy of building a building...Architecture:

1. Architect---Master builder

I could not have laid foundation of ministry without God's grace.

I can't be effective without grace of God.

Grace

Energizing power and supernatural desire to do will of God.

Dynamic force of living God that enables me to follow every prompting of God's Spirit and live in harmony and obedience to every command of God's Word.

John 1:17 Only given to those who have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ

Acts 4:33 Power to witness

Eph.2:8,9 Can't be saved without it

Acts 20:32 ...*word of his grace, which is able to build you up, and to give you an inheritance among all them which are sanctified.*

Rom. 5:20 Gives victory over sin

Rom. 12:6 Gives ability to use spiritual gift.

1 Cor.15:10 Gives strength to serve God

2 Cor.12:9 Gives strength to go through trials.

Effective ministry Eph. 3:7

Enables to preach Eph. 3:8

Enables to sing Col. 3:16

Be strong in grace 2 Tim 2:1

Power in prayer...get help from God ...our needs Heb 4:16

Enables to serve God acceptably Heb 12:28

Hearts established with grace Heb 13:9

How get it?

James 4:6 ... *but giveth grace unto the humble.*

1 Pet 5:5 ... 6 *Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:*

...as a wise masterbuilder, Chief constructor, architect.

General contractor or builder.

Wise: skilled, expert.

Grace of God made him a wise masterbuilder.

Not because of my strength or ability

Not all about me

1 Corinthians 3:7 Romans 15:18 1 Corinthians 15:10 Ephesians 3:7-8

I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon.

Been involved in planting new churches and another came and took them to next level of growth and ministry.

Foundation: first thing done in erection of building.

Everything built upon the foundation.

No foundation--no building

Doctrines and principles for belief and practice.

Eph 3:1-9 mysteries of new covenant

Matt 7:24-27 Hearing and obeying Word of God

Solid foundation: people who hear and obey Word of God.

Sand: person who hears but not obey Word of God.

Matthew 7:24-27

Every man: teachers, preachers, evangelists, who come in and minister.

Take heed: be careful, discerning, look!

How he buildeth: In what way he builds

Manner

Materials

Approach

Doctrines

Motives

Methods

Every man: not just preachers and teachers

Every believer.

2. Foundation—Jesus Christ

1 Corinthians 3:11 For other foundation...

Paul's job simply lay the foundation. Put it down.

Don't try replace foundation with entertainment...

Foundation, Jesus Christ? Focus of ministry. Everything points to Jesus Christ. **Jesus Christ** -

New Commentary: *The name "Jesus" expresses the character of God as Savior; "Christ" is the Messiah or anointed One. Paul's use of both names here shows that concepts of the redemption and the sovereignty of Christ are both foundational to sound Christian doctrine.*

Barnes: *the foundation of a church is the DOCTRINE on which it is established; that is, the doctrines which its members hold – those truths which lie at the basis of their hopes, and by embracing which they have been*

converted to God. ...The meaning is, that no true church can be reared which does not embrace and hold the true doctrines respecting him – those which pertain to his incarnation, his divine nature, his instructions, his example, his atonement, his resurrection, and ascension. The reason why no true church can be established without embracing the truth as it is in Christ is, that it is by him only that people can be saved

John 5:39 Search the scriptures; ... they are they which testify of me.

All scriptures focused on Jesus Christ.

OT pointed forward to Jesus.

Gospels point to life and times of Jesus.

Acts points to history of Jesus and His church

Epistles point to His message and work ...

Revelation points to His final testimony and final reign and imminent return.

3. Right Materials – Motives

1 Corinthians 3:12

Two types of building materials. :

High quality materials

Inferior quality materials

Materials represent believers' works. What kind of works.

Mac: Works are not the source of the Christian life, but they are the marks of it.

Paul's point: serve Lord with best God given.

4. Inspection – Test, accountability...Judgment Seat of Christ...

1 Corinthians 3:13

Made manifest: plainly, openly known;

Shown for what really is.

True character of materials seen.

Facade, mask taken off.

...for the day shall declare it Judgment seat of Christ.

Show to be what really is; make plain; reveal

Forced to face reality of lives and motives

...because it shall be revealed by fire;

Fire symbol of testing

Fire used in purifying metal.

...of what sort it is. Kind of materials.

5. Rewards.

14. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward.

His reward correspond to quality of building materials

Rewards--crowns

1 Cor 9:25 Incorruptible crown--discipline

2 Tim 4:7-8 Crown of righteousness-- love His appearing.

1 Thess 2:19-20 Crown of rejoicing-- faithfully proclaim truth.

1 Pet 5:4 Crown of glory--good example.

James 1:12 Crown of life--demonstrated love for Lord by enduring temptation.

Rev 2:10 faithful unto death

15 ... saved; yet so as by fire.

Picture of man who runs through big fire to other side without being burned. Still has smell of smoke.

He barely escaped being burned.

Lenski: For the builder the result is, "he shall suffer loss." All to which he devoted his life shall be suddenly swept away. He shall stand bare where he might have had so much. Hence there is, of course, no thought of wages for him, and this is the great loss. Many great 'works' shall thus go down in ashes in the judgment and be absolutely disowned by the Lord. Many proud builders who were acclaimed by men while they lived and were honored with great tributes when they were buried shall hang their heads when all their work becomes nothing in the fire test. But many a humble preacher, of whom nobody made much in life, shall shine at that day because he wrought gold, silver, and precious stones.

You and I will called in question some day before God

God sees through all excuses.

No excuses for disobedience to God.

So What?

By what means was Paul made a wise Master Builder?

Who is the true foundation in our lives and ministries?

What characterizes your life and ministry before God: Gold, silver, precious stones or wood hay stubble?

How will you do at the Judgment Seat of Christ?

5. Rewards/crowns

Incorruptible crown--discipline

Crown of righteousness-- love His appearing.

Crown of rejoicing-- faithfully proclaim truth.

Crown of glory--good example.

Crown of life--demonstrated love for Lord by enduring temptation.

By being faithful unto death